

Copepods Collected along 33.5°E Longitude of the
Antarctic Ocean in the 1976 SummerSatoshi YAMADA¹, Atsushi TANIMURA² and Takashi MINODA³1976 年夏季, 南極海インド洋区の東経 33.5° 線に沿って得られた
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要旨: 1976 年 2 月 25 日から 3 月 2 日の間, 南極海インド洋区の東経 33.5° 線に沿った南緯 50° 以南の 6 観測点において採集したカイアシ類の種組成を調査した。採集はノルパックネット (口径 45 cm, 目合 0.33 mm) を用いて水深 200 m から表面までの鉛直曳によって行われた。各測点ともカイアシ類が最も卓越して出現し, 動物プランクトン総個体数の 85% 以上を占めた。Oncaeidae を除く 14 属 18 種類のカイアシ類が同定された。Calanus propinquus, Calanoides acutus, Rhincalanus gigas, Ctenocalanus vanus, Scolecithricella glacialis および Oithona similis はほぼ全地点で出現した。Miclocalanus pygmaeus, Lucicutia sp., Haloptilus ocellatus, Haloptilus oxycephalus および Metridia gerlachei は南緯 60° 以南で, Calanus simillimus, Clausocalanus laticeps, Metridia lucens および Oithona frigida は南緯 60° 以北でのみ出現した。Euchaeta antarctica, Racovitzanus antarcticus および Heterorhabdus austrinus は偶発的にあるいは少数が出現しただけであった。

Abstract: Zooplankton samplings were conducted at 6 stations along 33.5°E in the Indian sector of the Antarctic Ocean from 25 February to 2 March in 1976 by the 17th Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition. Vertical hauls from a depth of 200 m to the surface with a Norpac net (45 cm in diameter, 0.33 mm mesh openings) were carried out. Copepoda occupied more than 85% of the total individual numbers of zooplankton at all stations. The species composition and abundance of copepods were investigated. A total of 18 species except for Oncaeidae were identified. Calanus propinquus, Calanoides acutus, Rhincalanus gigas, Ctenocalanus vanus, Scolecithricella glacialis and Oithona similis were found commonly at almost all stations. Miclocalanus pygmaeus, Lucicutia sp., Haloptilus ocellatus, Haloptilus oxycephalus and Metridia gerlachei occurred south of 60°S and Calanus simillimus, Clausocalanus laticeps, Metridia lucens and Oithona frigida occurred north of 60°S. Euchaeta antarctica, Racovitzanus antarcticus and Heterorhabdus austrinus occurred sporadically and/or in small number.

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1. Introduction

To accumulate faunistic data of zooplankton in the west of Lützow-Holm Bay, we reported the species composition and abundance of copepods along 13°E in the Antarctic Ocean south of the Polar Front based on the samples obtained by the 14th Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition (JARE-14) (1973) (YAMADA *et al.*, 1991). For the above purpose, we report additional data on the species composition and abundance of copepods along 33.5°E. The data were obtained from the samples collected by the 17th Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition (JARE-17).

2. Materials and Methods

Plankton samplings were carried out in the Indian sector of the Antarctic and the Subantarctic waters during the summer season in 1975–1976 by JARE-17 (*cf.* FUKUCHI and TANIMURA, 1981). Samples of 16 were collected by vertical hauls from the 200 m depth to the surface with a Norpac net (45 cm in diameter, 0.33 mm mesh openings) at 16 stations. Six samples which were collected in the south of 50°S along 33.5°E from 25 February to 2 March in 1976 were investigated in the present study (Fig. 1). Processing of samples was made as described in YAMADA *et al.* (1991). Water temperature and salinity data were cited from SHIBAYAMA and OHNIWA (1977).

3. Results and Remarks

Total zooplankton abundance and vertical profile of water temperature and salini-

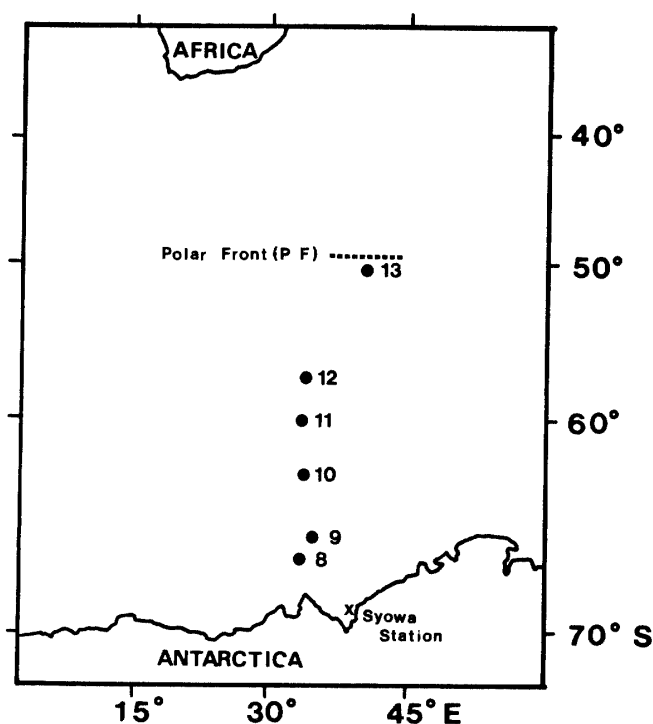


Fig. 1. Location of sampling stations occupied by the 17th Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition (JARE-17) from 25 February to 2 March, 1976. Station numbers are referred to FUKUCHI and TANIMURA (1981).

ty in the upper 200 m layer along 33.5°E are shown in Fig. 2. FUKUCHI (1980) reported that the Polar Front was located in the vicinity of 50°S in this cruise. The northern limit of temperature minimum layer of less than -1°C was observed at 60°S. Low salinity surface water less than 34‰ existed in the upper 100 m layer. Relatively high zooplankton abundance over 200 indiv./m³ was found in the north of 60°S, whereas the abundance decreased southward from 60°S and the low abundance less than 50 indiv./m³ was seen in the south of 66°S.

Copepoda were most dominant zooplankton component, occupying more than 85% of individual numbers of zooplankton at all stations. Other than Copepoda 8 zooplankton taxa were identified. They were Chaetognatha, Gastropoda, Euphausiacea, Polychaeta, Ostracoda, Amphipoda, Appendicularia, Hydrozoa in the order of abundance.

A total of 18 species of copepods except for Oncaeidae were identified; *Calanus propinquus*, *Calanus simillimus*, *Calanoides acutus*, *Rhincalanus gigas*, *Miclocalanus pygmaeus*, *Clausocalanus laticeps*, *Ctenocalanus vanus*, *Euchaeta antarctica*, *Racovitzanus antarcticus*, *Scolecithricella glacialis*, *Metridia gerlachei*, *Metridia lucens*, *Lu-*

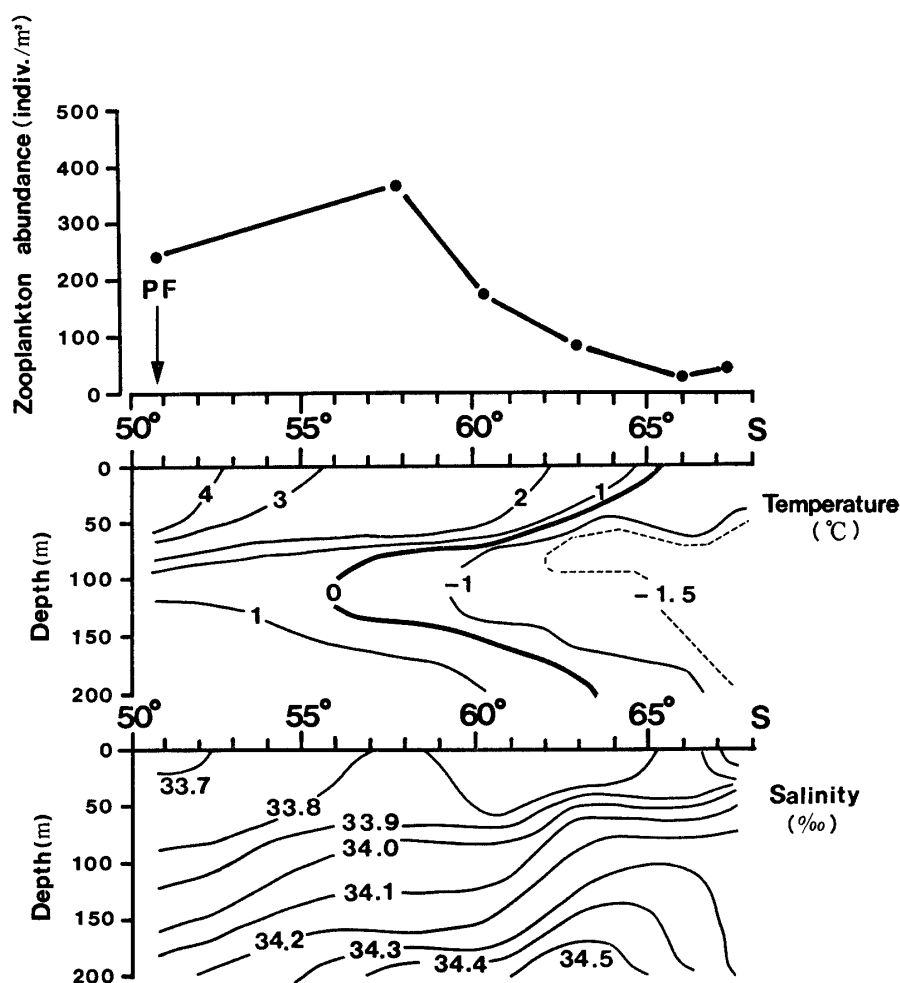


Fig. 2. Zooplankton abundance (upper), vertical section of water temperature (middle) and salinity (lower) in the upper 200 m layer observed along 33.5°E from 25 February to 2 March, 1976. PF: Polar Front

cicutia sp., *Heterorhabdus austrinus*, *Haloptilus ocellatus*, *Haloptilus oxycephalus*, *Oithona frigida* and *Oithona similis*. YAMADA *et al.* (1991) reported 15 species of copepods along 13°E. All of them but one, *Euchirella rostromagna*, were common to the present samples. Four species, *M. pygmaeus*, *H. ocellatus*, *O. frigida* and *Lucicutia* sp. were new to the present observation. The abundance of each copepod species is shown in Table 1. *C. propinquus*, *C. acutus*, *R. gigas*, *C. vanus*, *S. glacialis* and *O. similis* were distributed widely at almost all stations. These species were abundant in the samples of 13°E.

Table 1. List of planktonic copepod species collected with a Norpac net (45 cm in diameter, 0.33 mm mesh openings) along 33.5°E in the Indian sector of the Antarctic Ocean from 25 February to 2 March, 1973. Figures show the number of individuals per m³.

Stn. No.	8	9	10	11	12	13
Position	67°34'S 33°25'E	66°08'S 34°41'E	63°05'S 33°34'E	60°19'S 33°32'E	57°44'S 33°45'E	50°39'S 40°19'S
<i>Calanus propinquus</i>	0.9	3.2	10.7	2.6	8.8	0.5
<i>Calanus simillimus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	49.8
<i>Calanoides acutus</i>	0.1	0.6	6.0	3.5	37.2	1.5
<i>Rhincalanus gigas</i>	0	0.7	1.8	4.3	0.8	10.8
<i>Miclocalanus pygmaeus</i>	0.1	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Clausocalanus laticeps</i>	0	0	0	0.1	0.8	7.8
<i>Ctenocalanus vanus</i>	4.3	6.2	23.8	25.3	80.8	32.5
<i>Euchaeta antarctica</i>	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.8
<i>Racovitzanus antarcticus</i>	0.1	0	0.2	0	0.5	0
<i>Scolecithricella glacialis</i>	0.9	2.1	6.4	3.5	11.8	9.1
<i>Metridia gerlachei</i>	3.3	3.8	1.3	1.0	0	0
<i>Metridia lucens</i>	0	0	0	8.2	33.2	14.8
<i>Lucicutia</i> sp.	0	0	0.1	0	0	0
<i>Heterorhabdus austrinus</i>	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.5
<i>Haloptilus ocellatus</i>	0.1	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Haloptilus oxycephalus</i>	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.4	0	0
<i>Oithona frigida</i>	0	0	0	0	1.0	45.0
<i>Oithona similis</i>	32.1	11.5	2.8	100.5	159.3	28.2
<i>Oncaea</i> spp.	0.8	0.4	2.1	9.2	14.1	0.8
Total	43.1	29.1	56.3	159.2	348.6	202.1

M. pygmaeus, *Lucicutia* sp., *H. ocellatus*, *H. oxycephalus* and *M. gerlachei* occurred only in the south of 60°S, but in the samples of 13°E, *H. oxycephalus* and *M. gerlachei* were found as far as the north of 51°S. Both of *M. pygmaeus* and *H. ocellatus* appeared at only southernmost station, Stn. 8 and *Lucicutia* sp. at only Stn. 10 in small number less than 1 indiv./m³.

C. simillimus, *C. laticeps*, *M. lucens* and *O. frigida* were found in the north of 60°S. Although *C. laticeps* and *M. lucens* occurred at only northernmost station near 51°S in the 13°E samples, they were found as far as 60°S in the present samples. *O. frigida* which did not appear in the 13°E samples, occurred at Stns. 12 and 13 in the north of 58°S. *C. simillimus* occurred abundantly at only northernmost station near 50.5°S.

E. antarctica, *R. antarcticus* and *H. austrinus* occurred sporadically and/or in small number (less than 1 indiv./m³).

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